CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method of making a fiber laminate, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

(b) prebonding said nonwoven spunbond filament layer to a tensile strength of at least 50% of the tensile strength thereof at maximum bonding as defined in DIN 53815 to form a prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

(c) applying at least one layer of hydrophilic fibers onto said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer; and

(d) hydrodynamically bonding the layer of hydrophilic fibers to the spunbond filament layer to create a two-layer [[a]] laminate ~~formed by said fibers together to~~ forming an absorbent cloth.

2. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a calender.

3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein the nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a calender having at least one heated embossing drum cylinder.

4. (original) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the prebonding is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free

filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer is less than 15 mm.

5. (original) The method defined in claim 4, further comprising the step of additionally deforming said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

6. (original) The method defined in claim 5, further comprising the step of treating said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer with at least one wetting agent prior to application of said fibers thereto.

7. (original) The method defined in claim 6 wherein said wetting agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

8. (original) The method defined in claim 7 wherein the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer.

9. (original) The method defined in claim 8, further comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material onto said laminate formed by said layers.

10. (original) The method defined in claim 9 wherein the hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.

11. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the prebonding is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer is less than 15 mm.

12. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of additionally deforming said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

13. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of treating said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer with at least one wetting agent prior to application of said fibers thereto.

14. (original) The method defined in claim 13 wherein said wetting agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

15. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer.

16. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material onto said laminate formed by said layers.

17. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.